

Supervisor Knabe's Motion

Chief Information Officer's Report

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

November 18, 2003

Over the past few months, the County has diligently worked on efforts to enhance its financial systems. On August 19, 2002 the County selected PeopleSoft and Accenture to work on the Los Angeles County's Administrative Systems (LACAS) project. As such, contract negotiations began moving forward on March 2003 and expire on December 31, 2003. In order to optimize the County's interactions, managing real-time business processes, increasing efficiency and continuing to be at the forefront of business strategies through technology we need to move the County LACAS project forward.

It was acknowledged and determined through a rigorous procurement process involving the Chief Administrative Office , Chief Information Office, Auditor-Controller, Internal Services Department Director and respective staff members that PeopleSoft and Accenture were the qualified vendors of choice and provided the products and

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services for the LACAS project outlined in the County's request for proposal.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor-Controller and Chief Information Officer to resume and complete contract negotiations with PeopleSoft and Accenture by December 8, 2003 and bring that specific negotiated proposal to the Board of Supervisors for review and determine its viability at that time.

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Subject: **NOVEMBER STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM (LACAS)**

Since our last update in October, we have continued to monitor the status of Oracle's threatened corporate takeover of PeopleSoft. Oracle, through public forums and announcements, is still committed to the acquisition of PeopleSoft. The lack of direction from the Justice Department and its ongoing review of the Oracle takeover attempt continue to confuse the issue and prevent us from removing this as a major concern.

As noted in our previous status reports the delay in any firm resolution of the Oracle/PeopleSoft issue has prompted the LACAS project team to evaluate other options as a backup strategy. Given this lapse of time, questions have arisen suggesting that enhancements to leading vendor ERP products may be significant and warrant the County's reevaluation of software solutions. To assure that we obtain the best solution for the County, we are looking at new offerings from vendors that have made significant upgrades to their products since our initial evaluation eighteen (18) months ago.

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We have met with the LACAS Executive Steering Committee, representing the major County departments who have participated in and evaluated the existing proposals, and all participants concur that it is in the County's best interest at this time to terminate the current LACAS procurement and reexamine all options available for proceeding with the selection and implementation of an ERP solution. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the LACAS Executive Steering Committee and the LACAS Executive Project Directors that we cancel the suspended negotiations with PeopleSoft/Accenture and notify all vendors of the termination of the LACAS procurement.

The LACAS project team will begin to reevaluate the County's business requirements and look at options available to meet the countywide objectives identified in our solicitation of an ERP solution.

In our next status report, we will identify our plan of action for moving the LACAS project forward.

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